

To-day's Advertisements.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG, No. 1163.
A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TONIGHT, the 16th instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 16th May, 1900. [604b]

THEATRE ROYAL.
CITY HALL.
SATURDAY, the 16th May, 1900.

Under the Patronage of
His Excellency, The Acting Governor,
Major General GARDNER.
Commander-in-Chief.
Adm. Sir R. S. S. [604b]

GRAND FAREWELL BENEFIT CONCERT

Miss MURIEL ALLEYNE.
Late of
THE DALLAS MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC CO.
Kindly assisted by
Mr. ALEC MARSH, Mr. A. G. WARD,
and others. [604b]

Further particulars will be announced.
PRICES OF ADMISSION: 10, 5, 2, 1.
Commence at 7.30 p.m.

PLAN at Messrs. ROBINSON & FRANKLIN, Ltd.,
Hongkong, 16th May, 1900. [604b]

WANTED.
A CHINESE YAMEN to be a partner in
a Baby on a boat to London by P. & O.
Steamer, leaving on 21st inst. [604b]

Apply to
ROOM 101,
HONGKONG HOTEL.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1900. [604b]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
I HAVE THIS DAY REMOVED my resi-
dence from No. 10, The Arcade to No. 1,
LEIGHTON HILL ROAD. [604b]

Hongkong, 16th May, 1900. [604b]

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR SINGAPORE, AMOY, AND TAIPEI.
The Company's Steamship
"CHIEF DEKA."
Captain Davies, will be despatched to the
above Ports on FRIDAY, the 18th inst., at
10 A.M. [604b]

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAURENCE & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1900. [604b]

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND
CALCUTTA.
The Company's Steamship
"CHELSEA."
Captain Davies, will be despatched to the
above Ports on FRIDAY, the 18th inst., at
10 A.M. [604b]

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAURENCE & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1900. [604b]

**THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR MANILA.
The Company's New Steamship
"DIAMANT."
Captain G. J. Blackland, will be despatched to the
above port on SATURDAY, the 17th inst., at
4 P.M. [604b]

The attention of passengers is directed to
the excellent accommodation provided by this
steamer. She is lighted throughout with Electric
Light. [604b]

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1900. [604b]

**THE OSAKA SHIPEN KAISHA,
LIMITED.**

FOR SINGAPORE, AMOY, AND TAIPEI.
The Company's Steamship
"ANPING MARU."
Captain J. Saito, will be despatched to the
above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 17th inst., at
10 A.M. [604b]

For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE MITSUBISHI KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1900. [604b]

**OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM
SHIP COMPANY.**

NOTICE.
The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to
take immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside. [604b]

C. L. GORHAM,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1900. [604b]

AN APPEAL.

**THE SUPERIORITY OF THE ITALIAN
CONVENT, CAME ROAD, begs most
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of
Hongkong and the Post Office, for their kind
patronage and support, and desires to state that
she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds
of NEEDLE WORK.**

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Collars
and Cuffs renewed on old ones.
Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's
Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery,
Materials can be supplied, if required.
The Superiority will also be most grateful
for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made
into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools,
how are taught by the Sisters.
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1892. [499]

Intimations. EYE-SIGHT.

Mr. N. LAZARUS,
Oculist-Optician, of London and Calcutta, may
be consulted for SPECTACLES at
BREVET & Co.,
(Under the HONGKONG HOTEL).
Business Hours: 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. [604b]

ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS MORE.

Constantly recurring headaches, spots of
dimness, when reading, weak eyes, the letters
running together; any of these symptoms
indicate a deficiency in the form of the eye
requiring Glasses only to correct and cure.
Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTA-
CLES only after testing the sight.
ADVICE FREE. [604b]

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

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OF

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IN THE FAR EAST.

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the latest design and most up to date
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our factories, and their practical
knowledge produces an article that is
unrivalled for its excellence.

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the Island and is skillfully filtered on
scientific principles.

We use only the best and most
expensive ingredients, guaranteeing
Absolute Purity.

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consumers.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Established in A.D. 1841.

On the 15th inst. at Edinboro, Seymour Road,
HONG KONG, the son of Mr. Ho Tung,
aged 2 months. Deeply regretted. [604b]

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH
HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1900.

TELEGRAMS.
To the "Hongkong Telegraph."

SPECIAL TELEGRAM.
THE UNREST IN
THE NORTH.

**BRITISH GUARD WITHDRAWN.
BOXERS GROWING BOLDER.**

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
TIENTSIN, May 15th.

The British Guard is leaving im-
mediately, though the reason for its
withdrawal is by no means obvious.

There are indications that the Boxers
are growing stronger and bolder in
the vicinity of Peking and are receiv-
ing the fullest support from the
Chinese Government. The people
are evidently being stirred up with
an object, but the foreigners do not
appear to realize what is being done.

Received at 8 a.m.
Published at 5.30 p.m.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.
THE RECENT OPERATIONS IN
THE FREE STATE.

MR. STEYNE ENERGETIC.
LONDON, May 14th.

Lord Roberts' recent movement in
the Free State paralyzed all discipline
and concerted action of the Boers,
who flocked from the entrenchments
they had halfheartedly constructed.
Mr. Steyne personally whipped them
out of the train.

**THE BIGGAREBERG MOUNTAINS
FORCED.**

**OCCUPATION OF DUNDEE
IMMINENT.**

Reuter's correspondent at Pieter-
maritzburg, 14th inst., wires, that a
telegram from General Buller an-
nounces the successful forcing of the
Biggareberg and the probable occupa-
tion of Dundee to-day.

GENERAL. FRANCE.

The Nationalists have finally
gained 49 out of 80 seats at the
French Municipal elections. Paris
papers regard this as somewhat
ominous.

ANOTHER NEW FREE STATE CAPITAL.

Mr. Steyne has gone to Heilbron,
which he has proclaimed the Capital
of the Free State.

THE COMMONWEALTH BILL.

Mr. Chamberlain, in introducing
the Commonwealth Bill, said, that he
must ask the House to amend the
Bill as to retain the power of a Court
of Appeal, but it was proposed to
introduce to the House of Lords im-
mediately, a scheme to appoint, for
seven years, one representative from
Canada, South Africa, Australia and
India respectively as members of the
Privy Council, who would act as
Lords of Appeal, receive life peerages
and continue to sit in the House of
Lords after the expiration of the
septennial term. The Imperial Gov-
ernment would pay salaries.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:
On the 16th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has
fallen in Japan and over the coast of China,
owing to a depression which appears to be
moving Eastwards in the N.W. part of the Sea
of Japan. Gradients slight with light variable
winds in S. China. FORECAST: Varying
winds, light or moderate; showery.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The American mail was signalled at 2 p.m.
Lieutenant Maclell, H.K.V.C., returned
home yesterday.

Sir Henry and Lady Blake, and Miss Blake
arrived in Tientsin on the 14th inst.

H.M. TORPEDO destroyers *Whiting* and *Fame*
leave this port for the North to-morrow.

ON the completion of the Japanese naval pro-
gramme the total number of warships in the
Japanese Navy will be brought up to 66.

We notice that a couple of junks are busily
at work heaving up the coal-junk which was
swamped alongside H.M.S. *Whiting* the other
day.

The total value of imports and exports in
Sarawak in 1899 was \$11,200,000 against
\$9,170,000 in 1898. The increase in exports
exceeded \$1,200,000.

The Rev. A. G. W. Wetherall, army chaplain
at Singapore, has been ordered to Malta for
duty. He was to leave per M. M. E. *Simur*
on the 14th inst.

THE SARAWAK fiscal returns for 1899 show
revenue set at \$851,438 against an outlay given
as \$843,239. These figures show large in-
creases compared with 1898.

It is reported that the latest addition to British
loyalty, the son recently born to the Duke and
Duchess of York, will be christened "Patrick"
by the desire of the Queen.

By arrangements made with the tourist agents
Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, a dozen tourists
left Southampton on the 25th ult. for South
Africa on a visit to the scenes of the recent
battles.

Mr. C. J. Naylor and Mr. P. Mackenzie
Skinner have entered into partnership at
Bangkok, and will practise as advocates and
solicitors under the firm name of Naylor and
Skinner.

This morning at the Magistracy, Ng Fuk
Fong, a merchant, and Chan Ngan and Sun
So his concubines were charged, in the case of
the male defendant with having been drunk
and disorderly, the charge against the women
being that they attempted to rescue the male
prisoner and assaulted the police to the damage
of their uniforms. Mr. Looker appeared for the
defence and asked that the case be remanded.
His Worship remanded the case till the 19th
inst., bail being fixed at \$50 for the male, and
\$25 each for the female defendants.

A VERY pleasant ceremony took place in Mur-
ray Barracks, yesterday, afternoon, when S.D.O.
Company R. W. Fusiliers assembled in their
barrack rooms to say good-bye to 2nd Lieut.
Dunlop, who has just been promoted to a com-
mission from the ranks, and who left to-day
for the front to join his new battalion, the 2nd
Battalion of The Worcesters. Q. M. Sgt.
Holloway, supported by Colour-Sergeant Kirby,
on behalf of the N.C.O.s, and men of the Com-
pany to which Lt. Dunlop had belonged, asked
his acceptance of a slight token of their esteem
and respect in the shape of a silver inkstand,
matchbox, silver mounted briar pipe, and to-
bacco pouch. Q.M.S. Holloway congratulated
Lt. Dunlop on his promotion, and hoped that
he would have a safe journey to South Africa,
peony of fighting when he got there, and fur-
ther promotion when the campaign ended. Lt.
Dunlop expressed his thanks to his old Com-
pany and said he would never forget the happy
days he had spent amongst them. Lt. Dunlop's
promotion has been very speedy. He joined
the Regiment at Manchester in June 1895, was
appointed Lance Corporal in January 1897, pro-
moted Corporal in May of the following year,
and Lance sergeant in March 1899. He is
only 24 years of age.

LIEUTENANT G. L. DUNCAN, H.K.V.C., left
to-day by the steamship *Empress of India*.

UNCONSCIOUS humour from an exchange—
Major-General Macdonald ordered his pipers
to play over the last six miles to Bloemfontein.
There are now no armed Boers in the neigh-
bourhood.

It is stated that the cost of the Tientsin tram-
way in which the Mitsui firm is interested will
be from two to three hundred thousand yen.
The Mitsui intended to invite foreign coopera-
tion, but, although the outlay is insignificant,
they deem it wiser to have the association of
the foreign residents.

COLLAPSE, the German officer who has
been responsible for so much of the Boer
strategy and who was taken prisoner at Koo-
doland, describes the British Infantry as
splendid. It will, he says, advance where no
one else in the world will advance, and is bet-
ter than German Infantry.

THEATRE ROYAL.

"THE FRENCH MAIL."

Last night the Dallas Company gave their
farewell performance repeating "The French
Mail." The piece was capital staged and
acted and the audience demanded numerous
encores, which in many instances were ac-
corded. The duet between Mr. Dallas and Mr.
Herman was capital rendered and would
have had to have been repeated some half a
dozen times had the singers responded to
every call on the part of the audience. The
dancing of Miss Betty Peel was again greatly
admired and she received quite a wealth of
floral and other tributes, as also did Miss
Muriel Alleyne for her singing. On the fall of
the curtain there were loud calls for Mr. Dallas
and in response to them he came forward
and thanked the community of Hongkong
for the hearty welcome accorded to him-
self and company, and wished such as they
had not met with any other place in the Far
East. He announced his intention of visiting
us once more in March next and we feel sure
that our readers will look forward to the treat in
store for them some ten months hence. "Auld
Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought
a very successful season to a close. The Com-
pany left to-day by the *Empress of India* and
the *Prinzess*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by
Correspondents in this column.)

A SAPPERS' GRIEVANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
SIR,—The other evening, when we had had
an exceptionally hot day, I was talking to a
military friend, a junior N.C.O. of the Royal
Engineers, when two privates of either the
Regiment or the Departmental Corps, wearing
white clothing passed by.

My friend, who was wearing khaki, remarked
that it was a shame that all Regiments and
Corps had not the same privileges with regard
to wearing white clothing. Being rather sur-
prised I questioned him about the matter and
discovered the following "decidedly puzzling
state of affairs."

It appears that Privates of the Infantry and
Departmental Corps and Gunners of the Royal
Artillery are allowed to wear white clothing
obtained, of course, at their own expense.
This privilege it seems, is granted by Regi-
mental Orders.

In the case of the Royal Engineers, however
their Regimental Orders decree that only those
of the rank of Sergeant and above are allowed
this privilege. What struck me as still more
puzzling was that ranks below the above may
wear white clothing at work, that is provided
they appear clean and tidy.

This means then that the Sapper or Corporal
cannot buy white clothing to walk out in town
for his own personal comfort, but he may
do so to wear at work, to save the wear of his
free Government issue of khaki. What gener-
osity!

I ascertained the name of the Officer who is
responsible for this absurd order. Of course
I cannot approach him on the matter person-
ally, so I have ventured to mention the matter
in your columns, in the hope that this undoubt-
ed grievance of the Sappers and Corporals of
the R. E. may receive attention. These two
ranks of the R. E. are equally able, if not more
so, to bear the expense entailed in any case,
so long as they are willing to do so. I cannot
see why they should not have the privilege
granted to their comrades.

Thanking you in anticipation for inserting
my letter,

I am, Sir, &c.,
KHAKE.
Hongkong, May 16th, 1900.

A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
SIR,—I read with a great deal of interest the
leader in your issue of the 14th inst. under
the above heading, also the letter of Mr. Osborne
in reply and your comments on same in your
issue of yesterday. I think I am right in saying
that you are deserving of the public thanks for
your action in calling attention to the incon-
sistency of the saying and doing of the senior
unofficial member of the Sanitary Board.

The more one looks into the facts of the
matter under discussion the more it appears a
case of "Satan proving sin." In the proceed-
ings of the meeting of the Sanitary Board on
the 18th of January last on the discussion of
the Elgin Road latrine, Mr. Osborne, as you
pointed out, is reported as saying—

"As a matter of fact arrangements had been
made for its removal in deference to the wishes
of the Kowloon residents."

In his letter of reply of yesterday's date Mr.
Osborne states,—"As a matter of fact a
contract for the work was made nearly a month
ago."

It would be very interesting to know what
Mr. Osborne meant by saying at the Sanitary
Board meeting of the 18th of January that
arrangements had been made for its removal,
when he states in his letter that the contract
for the work was made only a month ago!

An interval of at least three months from the
date the arrangements were said to have been
made and the time the contract was entered
into.

With regard to the latrine abutting on
Clatter Road Kowloon, I can quite endorse your
remarks. The latrine is in a filthy state and
disgusting sights may be seen there daily.

In conclusion I would like to remind Mr.
Osborne that although it is a common thing to
abuse the Government on various pretexts,
public men should study their utterances, other-
wise they will be found condemning themselves
out of their own mouths. The only means the
public have of judging the real worth of those
holding public offices, and their fitness for the
position is by carefully noting their sayings
and doings, and the results always renders good
service to the public by calling attention to the
broken promises of our public men.

ONE OF THE PUBLIC.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1900.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Sir John Carrington, Kt., C.M.G.,
Chief Justice.)
May 16th.

SANDICO AND OTHERS v. WILDMAN.
This case came on for hearing at the Supreme
Court. Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. (instructed by
Messrs Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for the
Plaintiffs. Mr. Slade for the Defendant.

Mr. Slade before proceeding with the case,
informed the Court that Mr. Wildman had
been prevented from attending the Court yes-
terday owing to indisposition. He had come
down stairs but had caught a fresh chill.

Mr. Slade then applied for a dismissal of the
case on account of the Plaintiffs not answering
certain interrogatives as ordered by the Court.
The Plaintiffs had had nine months in which
to comply with the order of the Court but only
one Plaintiff, Apacible, had complied. The
Plaintiffs had not appealed against compliance
but had only asked for extension of time.
This time had now expired and Mr. Slade
asked that the case might be dismissed. It
was no argument that one of the plaintiffs had
answered, the order of the Court was that all
four should answer. The learned Counsel
then quoted cases in Chancery in which the
Court had power to dismiss a case when its
orders had not been complied with.

Mr. Francis, in answer, said that this was not
a case in equity but one of Common Law. It
was one to obtain money (the sum of \$17,000)
deposited with Defendant. The Chancery
Court might have the power that his learned
friend contended it had, but that power had
been specifically bestowed upon it and
had not been done so in the case of
Common Law. Even granted that the
power existed, it ought not to be exercised in
this case, as it would have to be proved that
compliance with the order has been wilfully
and deliberately refused. There was nothing
in evidence or by affidavit that such was the
case. Three of the four Plaintiffs were engaged
in the war that was now raging in the Philip-
pines. When the applications for the exten-
sion of time were made there was every reason
to believe that the war would have been brought
to a close and that the Plaintiffs could have
filed their answers to the interrogatives. As
long as the war lasted there was a reasonable
excuse for them not answering. The answers
would have to be given on oath and the Plain-
tiffs could not, without great personal danger,
go anywhere where they could give their
answers under oath. This difficulty was in-
creasing daily, as the war was now a guerilla
warfare and the Philippines had been driven fur-
ther into the interior and so were harder to
reach. Speaking on the answer given by San-
dico, the learned Counsel could not say for
certain that the interrogatives had actually
reached his hands. Mr. Francis then pointed out
how by his answering the first question, (was he
an agent for Artachis?) with an emphatic nega-
tive, might seem to him (Sandico) sufficient
answer to the remainder of the questions. The
Defendant had two remedies, either to apply
for an attachment so that the interrogatives
should be answered or apply for a day to be
set down for the hearing of the case. Neither
of these remedies had been taken. Mr. Francis
then asked his Lordship to take the matter as
a test case and to order the Plaintiffs to ask
for a day of proceedings on account of inability
to procure the material witnesses for the pro-
secution, and cited the case of *Makeling* and
pointed out that in such a case the appli-
cation for adjournment would be granted. The
absence of these witnesses or Plaintiffs
was of more importance to the Plaintiffs than
it was to the Defendant, and it was quite as
bad for the Plaintiffs to have the case hanging
over for so long a time, as they wished to
handle the money. Mr. Francis contended that
these interrogatives did not bear materially on
the case and that it would go to trial without
them. The Defendant said that the money had
been deposited by Plaintiffs as agents for
Artachis and also said that it had been duly
expended according to instructions under proper
authority. Artachis was now in Hongkong
and had instituted a suit against the Defendant
for \$36,000 out of the \$47,000 on May 3rd.
Mr. Francis therefore asked that the applica-
tion might be refused.

Mr. Slade quoted law cases refuting his
learned friend's arguments and said they had
all been decided before. The Plaintiffs had
never made any attempt to answer the inter-
rogatives and therefore the case ought to be
dismissed in default of having complied with
the orders of the Court.

His Lordship, in giving judgment, said this
was a suit in which the Plaintiffs were asking
for the return of a sum of \$47,000 deposited
with the Defendant; a writ had been issued on
June 3rd, 1898. A Petition was filed on
February 21st, 1899, and an Answer on March
21st, 1899. On July 4th of the same year
an order was obtained from the Court ordering
the answering of four interrogatives, two months
being given for the answers to be obtained.
On the 8th September the time was extended
another two months. On the 3rd Nov. Apaci-
ble filed his answer. On November 7 the
time allowed was extended another two months
for Sandico and Rosario and three months for
Bellanimo. On Dec. 15th the Plaintiffs entered
security for Defendants' costs in this suit.
There were no more applications until the 27th
Feb. 1900, when another two months was
granted to the three Plaintiffs who had not
yet answered; at the same time it was intimat-
ed that no further extension would be allowed.
On April 27th an application for a further
extension of 3 months was refused and thence
came this application for dismissal in default of
answering these four interrogatives.

The first question was whether the Court
had the power asked for. Both Mr. Slade and
Mr. Francis had quoted cases in support of
arguments. His Lordship then expounded the
law on this subject and arrived at the conclu-
sion that as the procedure of Common Law
and Chancery had been assimilated he had
such power. Continuing he said assuming
that the Court did have that power the ques-
tion arose, ought it to be exercised in the
present case? There are four plaintiffs who
have common interest as agents for Artachis.
He did not see any grounds to think that the
answers given by the four Plaintiffs would
materially differ and that the answer of one
could not be taken as standing for the answer
of the whole four. He therefore did not see
why the Court should exercise these rather
large powers.

At the same time he should like to say that the
Plaintiffs should make due exertions to bring
this suit to a close. Litigants should exercise
due diligence. It was a misfortune that the
Plaintiffs were suffering under, but they must
bear that misfortune themselves. As to the
costs, in some cases they were allowed; in
others not. He would take an intermediate
course and allow the Defendants' costs in this
application to go on to the costs of the cause,
and would not allow the Plaintiffs' costs on this
application.

THE TROUBLE AT WEI-HAI-WEI.

A private letter from Wei-hai-wei, says—on
the 7th Marines were landed on the mainland at
Flagstaff point on account of the threatening
aspect of the natives, who were swarming through
the native city in turbulent and excited crowds,
the city being full of bad characters collected
from all quarters, thus showing that the whole
affair had been premeditated.

On the 6th instant Captain Lin, of the Chinese
cruiser *Tai-shen*, was taken by the mob and im-

CHUNGKING.

30th April, 1900.
We have heard by wire that H.M.S. Woodcock and Woodcock only passed Kuei-fu on the 28th instant, that is fully three weeks to come that distance from Ichang, which is much slower than an ordinary junk. We understand, however, that the channel of the River is being surveyed in a thorough way which will account for the delay.

Mr. A. Little left here for the Coast on 25th inst. and we understand his steamer for the Upper River is not to be ready to leave Shanghai till 15th May. Mr. Little steamed from Chungking to Chentu, the province capital, via Suifu and Kiating-fu.

This is likely to be a successful enterprise, and the Chinese merchants have shown their confidence in it by subscribing for a considerable portion of the stock. Another scheme on foot in this city is the flotation of a telephone Coy. Mr. Way, of the Upper Yangtze Syndicate has left here on an up-country syndicate. The Imperial Post is going from bad to worse. Two English mails are now overdue and this at the early low water season. What will it be in time of flood?—*China Gazette Cor.*

THE LATE MR. BIBBY.

The *Malay Mail* says that the cause of Mr. Bibby's death was Bright's disease, brought to an acute stage by the accident which happened to the deceased when driving from Kuala Lumpur to Ipoh. This accident occurred on the 2nd April. Mr. Bibby was thrown out of his trap and received a very severe wound on his head. He had been more or less in the doctor's hands since, and, being sixty-three years of age, and his constitution being seriously undermined by the strenuous toil of years in a place like Kuala Lumpur, he had not the physical stamina left to fight the disease. Mentally he was fighting to the last. Indeed, it was only his extraordinary will power which had prolonged his life for a few days.

FOUR SINGAPORE!

A DEN OF THIEVES.

In the interest of American trade, I am compelled to say Sidney B. Everett, U.S. Consul at Batavia, to draw attention to a subject of which I had heard for some time, but the accounts of which I thought might be somewhat exaggerated. I speak of the breaking open of merchandise in transit through Singapore to ports in Netherlands India. Merchants here and in Macassar now rarely receive a shipment via Singapore from which something has not been abstracted, and they have begun to figure regularly on a certain percentage of loss for all goods shipped through that port. The object appears to be to kill Batavia and Macassar (the latter a free port) as distributing centres for Netherlands India. For instance, machinery shipped via Singapore direct to Tejal, or some such place, in a Singapore ship, stands a good chance of getting there in good condition. If, however, the same machinery is shipped via Batavia from Singapore in a Dutch steamer, the chances are that it will arrive in bad order and with essential parts missing. There is no doubt that to a considerable extent the desired effect has been achieved for whereas formerly nearly everything that came through Netherlands India used to come through Batavia, it is now a fact that many of the smaller ports in the Colony are importing and exporting direct. Macassar was made a free port to compete with Singapore, the latter being also free; but the latter place has waged such a relentless war that it has done Macassar a great amount of damage. In fact, I am told that for these living in Macassar it is useless to have anything come from Singapore, and that the only way is to import things direct from Europe, or else to get them from one of the Dutch steamers that come straight from Holland without going to Singapore. The best way to ship goods here from New York is either by steamer to Amsterdam or Rotterdam, thence by direct steamers of the various Dutch lines to Batavia and the other ports in this Colony, or by steamer to Liverpool, thence by direct English or Dutch steamer to Batavia. Those who ship via Singapore do so at their peril and must expect to find themselves involved in all sorts of claims and lawsuits on account of goods damaged and lost.

MR. HARE'S MISSION.

PORCELAIN EXPERIMENT.

It is reported in Selangor that Mr. Hare, who accompanies Sir Frank Swettenham to China, is charged with a special mission there by the Government of Federated Malaya. Mr. Hare has been asked by the Government to touch at certain ports in China and inspect the porcelain potteries there. Mr. Hare is also to bring away with him Chinese labourers from the potteries, so that they may be employed in the porcelain industry which the Federal Government proposes to introduce in the States as an experiment.—*Straits Times.*

A LAND OF TIN.

A land of promise for tin-mining is said to have been found in Mid Sumatra, in the district of the "Five Kotas" which has just been annexed by the Netherlands India Government. It was long known that the district abounded in tin. In a mountain range called Si Balimbing tin ore used to be found which, after being smelted in the native fashion, was exported to Singapore. The people of the land kept to themselves and brooded in interference from the Dutch authorities, who, in their turn, let them alone. The district began, however, to be a place of refuge for outlaws and bad characters from places under Dutch sway. Plundering expeditions from there into Dutch territory became frequent. Punishment so seldom overtook the guilty parties that the people of the "Five Kotas" held the Dutch authorities cheap. Matters grew from bad to worse until a British mining engineer named Clifford prospecting for gold near the boundary. He was attacked and murdered by robbers from the "Five Kotas." They fled thither, and the people refused to give them up when the Dutch authorities demanded their surrender. Dutch troops upon this entered the district and overran the country. The people, on finding that they could not withstand the invaders, who mustered in overwhelming strength, submitted, and the work of conquest was carried out with hardly any bloodshed.—*Straits Times Cor.*

FIBUSTERS FOR PRETORIA.

The Chicago Ambulance Corps, which arrived at Lourenço Marques in the French steamer *Caravelle*, was delayed in its departure for Pretoria on suspicion of filibustering, left by special train accompanied by a motley following of French and Germans, 100 in all. Their departure only took place after many stormy interviews with the Portuguese authorities. They have no passports, and no credentials beyond a letter from Miss Clara Barton to the effect that she knows some of them personally, and believes them to be genuine, but many have openly expressed their intention of fighting. The Boers are paying from £35 to £40 per month for such recruits.

NEWS BY WIRE.

(Via Ceylon).

Bushman's Kop.

LONDON, April 24th.
Reuter, in a telegraphic despatch from Masereu, of yesterday's date, states as follows:—The Boers evacuated Bushman's Kop during the night. The forces under Generals Brabant and Hart had a running fight all day. They are gradually advancing along the Basuto border, and will bivouack to-night eight miles from Wepener, where the besiegers did nothing to-day.

Gun Foundry at Pretoria.

The *Times* publishes a telegram from Lourenço Marques stating that foreign employees have equipped a foundry at Pretoria for manufacturing big guns, the first of which has already been despatched to the Free State.

Rebels Sentenced.

Three rebels from Sunnyside have been sentenced at Cape Town Sessions to five years' imprisonment each, and twenty-four others to three years' imprisonment each.

A New Field Marshal.

General Sir Neville Chamberlain has been promoted Field Marshal.

The Waterworks Operations.

Reuter wires from Leauw Kop on the 23rd that General Pole-Carew's Division yesterday advanced in two portions, starting simultaneously east and south of Bloemfontein, with the object of driving the Boers from their line of defence south of the Waterworks. Dickson's (2) Cavalry Brigade made a wide detour to the left, and Alderson's Mounted Infantry (chiefly Canadian), operating on the extreme right, with Stephenson's Brigade on the left, drove the Boers from the kopje, while Alderson outflanked Leauw Kop on the extreme left, which was found evacuated. This morning, Dickson met with opposition, and was unable to complete the flanking movement. The Boers were not in great force, but their retirement will probably result in the evacuation of kopjes commanding the Waterworks, which Commandant De Wet is reported to hold strongly.

The Ladysmith Heroes.

The Queen receives the members of the Naval Brigade who were based in Ladysmith on the 2nd and 3rd May. On the 4th May, the Lords of the Admiralty will inspect the Brigade publicly in London, the Prince of Wales attending.

Sir George White.

Sir George White is being greatly honoured in the country. Wherever he goes he receives a most hearty ovation.

Balloons for the Boers.

A party of Russian experts has gone to the Transvaal to organise a balloon service for the Boers.

A New Imperial Court.

Government have resolved on the creation of a New Imperial Court by the amalgamation of the Judicial Committee with the House of Lords.

The "Onsland" Suppressed.

Lord Roberts has prohibited the circulation of the *Afrikaner* Bond's organ, the *Onsland*, in districts which are under Martial Law.

The Damaged Waterworks.

According to the *Standard's* Bloemfontein correspondent, the only damage to the waterworks is the removal by the enemy of the slide valves of the engines pumping water.

The Indian Famine Fund.

The *Daily Telegraph's* correspondent at Berlin learns that the Famine Fund movement there is due to the Kaiser's initiative. Dr. Klopsch, the head of the famine relief movement in the United States, has arrived in England, en route for India. He expects to raise one hundred thousand (£20,000 or dollars) besides sending immediately to India 27,000 horses and 17,000 mules. Embarkation has been arranged for an additional 7,500 horses and 2,000 mules; and a further supply of 7,500 horses and 2,000 mules has been ordered.

The Burmah Contingent.

LONDON, April 24th.
A *Daily Telegraph* despatch from Bloemfontein states that during the advance of the British force to the Waterworks, the Burmah Contingent ran into a commando of about 100 Boers. They chased the enemy for two miles and escaped quite unscathed.

Explosion at Pretoria.

An explosion took place at Pretoria on Tuesday night in the engineering works used as an arsenal. The building was destroyed, and ten were killed and 32 wounded, mostly French and Italian workmen. A German director was wounded.

The Spionkop Despatches.

The Rt. Hon. C. T. Ritchie, President of the Board of Trade, speaking at Croydon yesterday, said that it was a delusion to suppose that the Spionkop despatches were published by the War Office with the consent of Lord Roberts. The President of the Board of Trade said that the real of General Sir Redvers Buller. In the House of Commons to-day the Right Hon. James Lowther gave notice of motion for the 22nd, calling attention to the publication of Lord Roberts' despatch.

The Right Hon. C. Wyndham stated that Lord Roberts made no comments upon the operations at Magersfontein.

India.

In the House of Commons to-day, the Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour replying to Mr. MacLean said that Lord George Hamilton (Secretary of State for India) was most carefully watching events in India. An appeal for assistance would be made to Parliament if needful; but the Government of India did not anticipate any difficulty at present in providing the means of relief.

Japanese and Canada.

The *Times* publishes a telegram from Ottawa stating that the Governor-General in Council has disallowed fifteen of the Acts passed by the British Columbia Legislature, containing restrictive provisions against Japanese immigrants. The decision was taken in defence to the wishes of the Imperial Government.

Retreating Boers overtaken at Thabanchu.

LONDON, April 25th.
The British Cavalry and Mounted Infantry have overtaken a large number of the retreating Boers at Thabanchu. Our attack is now de-

veloping, and hopes are expressed of a great British success.

Hurried Boer Northward Trek—Strong British Force at Thabanchu.

Practically the whole of the enemy has been swept beyond the Thabanchu and Wepener line, although fragments still remain in the Sunnyside district. General Louis Botha arrived at Dewetsdorp on Tuesday, and ordered all the Boer forces to retire northwards. A trek commenced hurriedly at three o'clock that afternoon, the force from Wepener retreating along the Caledyn River, and the Dewetsdorp force made for Ladybrand, skirting Thabanchu and picking up the garrison and Leauw Kop fugitives.

Commandant de Wet's commando continue their running fight, using their "pompons." Colonel Hamilton reports the engaging of a portion of the enemy with shells on Wednesday at long range, therefore the chances of pushing them effectively are slight. Nevertheless, he is closely pressing the enemy's west flank with a portion of the 1st and the whole of the 10th (Ridley's) Brigades, all of which arrived at Thabanchu yesterday morning. General French, with two Cavalry Brigades, arrived immediately afterwards. General Rundle followed, and then came the Eleventh Division.

Basutos Eager to Attack the Boers.

The Basutos are reported to be following the flight of the Boers eagerly, being ready to attack them the moment they touch the border.

A Commando Dodges two British Forces.

The *Daily Chronicle* reports that a portion of the enemy crossed the Modder River at Vaalbank, south-east of Bloemfontein, on Wednesday, in the direction of Dewetsdorp, and dodged between General Rundle and Col. Alderson's Mounted Infantry.

Ample Provisions at Thabanchu.

The *Daily Telegraph* reports that, posts being established everywhere, with a view to repressing forays, there are plenty of provisions at Thabanchu.

Boer Commando of Special Volunteers.

Leif's Agency states that the enemy numbers 8,000, whereof one-fourth forms a separate commando consisting of special Volunteers carrying a week's supplies in their saddle-bags; they are capably equipped and largely employed as foraging parties.

750 Waggons Arrive at Kroonstad.

A heavy transport train of 750 waggons has arrived at Kroonstad from the south.

Col. Pole-Carew's Punishment of Rebels.

No news has been received of Col. Pole-Carew since Tuesday, when he was punishing the rebels with excellent effect. For instance, he passed a white-dogged farm which he observed to be sniping a detachment. He immediately paraded and burned the place and confiscated the cattle.

Formation of A Relief Column at Kimberley.

A Reuter's telegram states that General Hunter is forming a relief column at Kimberley, mainly of the 10th Division, General Hart's Brigade having embarked at Durban under sealed orders, and others—probably General Barton's and General Warren's—having entrained via Stormberg and DeAar to Kimberley where, it is believed, four of the Natal batteries have also arrived.

Transport Movements and Despatch of Remounts.

Transports continue to embark and arrive. The hospital-ship *Maing* has returned with a consignment of wounded. The total remounts despatched this year are 27,000 horses and 17,000 mules. Embarkation has been arranged for an additional 7,500 horses and 2,000 mules; and a further supply of 7,500 horses and 2,000 mules has been ordered.

Native Syces for South Africa.

SIMBA, April 30th.
Five hundred Syces—250 from the Punjab, 125 from Bengal, and 125 from Bombay—and 150 Nalabands, and 30 Salties are now being collected in India for South Africa. Captain Shea (of the 15th Bengal Cavalry) and Lieut. Peck (of the 2nd Punjab Cavalry) accompany them.

Debate on Spionkop Despatches—General Buller and his Resignation.

LONDON, May 1st.
Mr. Balfour has consented to the proposed debate on the Spionkop despatches. The debate will take place on Friday, and will probably include a discussion of the Magersfontein and Koon Spruit fights and other issues, under a motion to reduce Lord Lansdowne's salary. The *Central News* affirms that, after the publication of the despatches, General Sir Redvers Buller volunteered his resignation which Lord Roberts refused to accept.

Boer Treatment of British Prisoners.

Replying to a complaint from General Buller, Mr. Lucas Meyer declares that the only prisoners lodged in the common goal at Bloemfontein were those attempting to escape or suspected of such intention. The prisoners were in no wise treated as ordinary misdemeanants. He proceeds to allege that the Boer prisoners have been placed in the goal at Maritzburg and confined among the natives. General Buller has not replied to this allegation.

Mafeking.

The *Daily Express* confirms the news that General Hunter is preparing to relieve Mafeking, and adds that Lord Methuen will probably assist in the operations.

When Pretoria is Besieged.

The *Brussels Soir* declares that the Boer Government, when Pretoria is besieged, will retire to Lydenburg.

Proposed Special Tribunals for Trial of Rebels.

Both the Cape and the Natal Governments are introducing Bills appointing a Special Tribunal of Colonial Judges to try rebels, and thus obviate the necessity of Imperial action.

General Carrington Welcomed at Beira.

The Governor of Beira cordially welcomed General Carrington, who arrived on the 23rd of April and reviewed the Portuguese troops. He inspected the camp at Bambach Creek, and proceeded to Marmedillas. The railway is working smoothly. Four broad-gauge locomotives have arrived.

The British Boer Losses at Colenso.

The Reform Club entertained Sir William MacCormac and Dr. Treves at a dinner on Saturday. Lord Rosebery presiding. Sir William MacCormac affirmed, as the result of the strictest enquiries that, compared with our 1,140 casualties at Colenso the Boer had only five killed and 25 wounded.

When he personally examined their trenches afterwards, he was not surprised. The comparatively trifling nature of the Mauser wounds was remarkable. Men recovered after wounds by Mauser bullets in all parts of the body; 90 per cent. of the cases treated recovered; amputations were few. He did not believe it possible to improve the medical arrangements.

Dr. Treves warmly protested against the plague of women misquoting in the guise of amateur nurses, who took up officers' time and formed a blot on the campaign.

Boers' Desperate Resistance near Thabanchu.

A *Central News* message states that, on advancing from Thabanchu the British found it necessary to occupy kopjes at Kaice. The Mounted Infantry advanced yesterday, but the Boers offered a determined opposition. On Col. Hamilton arriving, however, the positions were captured.

The Boers, on this occasion, displayed new tactics, fighting in organised formation.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

MAY.	
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.	
Barometer	29.867
Thermometer	70.2
Humidity	84.0
Rainfall	15.0

TO-DAY.	
On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.97
Thermometer	70.2
Humidity	86
Rainfall	0.01

ANNIVERSARIES.

1855—H.M.S. *Rattler* made a successful raid against pirates at Talchow.
1878—A new Volunteer Corps formed in Hong Kong.
1881—The amended Treaty between Russia and China ratified at Peking.
1886—Sunkin evacuated.
1896—Accidental explosion of a shell at Wanchai; two persons injured.
1898—Prince Henry has an audience with Chinese Emperor.
1899—Kowloon walled City taken by the Volunteers.
1899—The town of Wuchow placarded with anti-foreign placards.

TO-MORROW.

Thursday, 17th May, 1900.
Chinese—19th of 4th moon of 26th year of Kwang-sai.
Sun—Rises

ANNIVERSARIES.

1838—Prince Talleyrand died.
1858—A reward of \$500 offered by Sir John Bowring for the arrest of the pirate Chu-A-Kwai.
1860—Loss of the French warship *Leze* off Amoy.
1879—Arrival of General Grant in Shanghai.
1886—King of Spain born.
1893—The four-masted ship *Samoli* towed into Hongkong dismantled.
1897—Battle of Domoko.
1899—Sam Chun taken by the British troops.

AGENDA.

TO-DAY.
8.30 for 9 p.m.—Regular Meeting of the Persuance Lodge.

TO-MORROW.
4 p.m.—Cargo ex *Ballaarat* subject to rent.

FRIDAY, 18th.
Daylight—N. Y. K. steamer *Sauiki Maru* leaves for Europe etc.
C. N. Co's steamer *Sungkiang* leaves for Manila.
Noun—C. N. Co's steamer *Chelydra* leaves for Straits.
5 p.m.—C. N. Co's steamer *Diamante* leaves for Manila.

SATURDAY, 19th.
(About) N. P. steamer *Mouthmouthshire* leaves for Portland, Oregon.
N. L. steamer *Bamber* leaves for Havre and Hamburg.

4 p.m.—Cargo ex *Empress of Japan* subject to rent.
9 p.m.—Concert at City Hall.

SUNDAY, 20th.
C. N. Co's steamer *Kwaiyang* leaves for Tientsin. (About) C. & O. S. Co's *Strathgyle* leaves for San Diego and San Francisco.

TUESDAY, 22nd.
(About) P. & O. steamer *Japan* leaves for London etc.

8 p.m.—Annual Dinner of the Devonian Society at Hongkong Club.

Cargo ex *Silesta* subject to rent.
Cargo ex *Sachsen* subject to rent.
Cargo ex *Andaland* subject to rent.

SHIPPING AND MAIL-NEWS.

MAILED 18th.
Indian (*Lightning*) 18th inst.
French (*Indus*) 19th inst.
American (*Nippon Maru*) 23rd inst.
Tacoma (*Bracmar*) 26th inst.
Australian (*Australis*) 26th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of China*) 29th inst.
American (*Rio de Janeiro*) 1st prox.
American (*Coptic*) 8th prox.

The steamer *Australian*, from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin to-day, for Timor, Manila and this port.

The O. S. S. Co's steamer *Aurora*, left Singapore this morning, the 16th inst., and is due here on or about 21st inst.

The steamer *Ambrisa*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port yesterday, the 15th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 21st inst.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.	
<i>Brooklyn</i>	to Kowloon Dock.
<i>U.S.S. Monterey</i>	" "
<i>Ilue</i>	" "
<i>Progress</i>	" "
<i>Taiyuan</i>	" "
<i>Independent</i>	to Cosmopolitan
<i>Derwent</i>	" "

PASSED THE CANAL.

Outward—2nd May—*Erzberger*, *Frederick*, 3rd May—*Dardanus*, *Gladius*, *Asieria*, *Francia*, *Forest Date*, 9th May—*Benbow*, *Opak*, *Canton*, *Oldenburg*, 12th May—*Mendels*, *Hilch*, *Maria*.
Homeward—28th April—*Sada Maru*, *Konig Albert*, 2nd May—*Tonkin*, 9th April—*Imanin*, *Tawa*, *Atsilia*.

Arrivals at Home—8th April—*Oracles*, *Tonkin*.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

SANUKI MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,702 T. Townsend, 16th May—Moli 17th May, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
TAI FU, German steamer, 1,075 T. Schipper, 16th May—Calcutta and India 13th May. Sugar and Ceylon—Siemssen & Co.
LADY JOCELYN, British steamer, 2,046 T. Coals, 16th May—Hongkong 13th May, Coals—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
HILGONG, British steamer, 783 T. Bathurst, 16th May—Sewton 15th May, General—Douglas, Laprak & Co.
ON SANG, British steamer, 1,741 T. Yeung, 16th May—Saigon 11th May, Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
SANDAWA, British steamer, 2,157 T. A. M. Rain, R.N.R., 15th May—Madras 12th April. General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
HANGCHOW, British steamer, 999 T. Pearce, 16th May—Wuhu 11th May, Rice and oil—Butterfield & Swire.
CHOWTAI, British steamer, 1,100 T. A. Morris, 16th May—Bangkok 10th May, Rice and General—Yuen Fat Hong.
TAMUKI MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,007 T. Sakajima, 16th May—Sewton 15th May, General—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
DORIC, American steamer, 2,691 T. Harry Smith, R.N.R., 16th May—San Francisco 17th April, Honolulu 24th, Yokohama 8th May, Kobe 9th, Nagasaki 11th, and Shanghai 14th, Mails and General—O. & O. S. S. Co.
JACOB DIEDERICHSEN, German steamer, 632 T. Bruhn, 16th May—Singapore 8th May, Lumber—Jensen & Co.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Kongwan, British str., for Canton.
Kongwan, German str., for Peking.
Hailan, French str., for Hongkong.
Sakong, British str., for Saigon.
Hanchuan, British str., for Canton.
Empress of Japan, British str., for Shanghai.
Hailan, British str., for Swatow.
Loyal, German str., for Chibson.
Kachidai Maru, Japanese str., Nippon.

Departures.

May 16, *China*, American str., for San Francisco.
May 16, *Prussia*, German str., for Europe.
May 16, *Sachsen*, German str., for Shanghai.
May 16, *Taiwan*, British str., for Australia.
May 16, *Thule*, British str., for Swatow.
May 16, *Albion*, British str., for Singapore.
May 16, *Duke of York*, British str., for Moli.
May 16, *Lygonia*, German str., for Canton.
May 16, *Boong*, British str., for Canton.
May 16, *Kwong*, Chinese str., for Canton.
May 16, *Lisa*, French gunboat, for Canton.
May 16, *Santa Cruz*, American sch., for Yap.
May 16, *Norona*, British fasted bark, for San Francisco.
May 16, *Empress of Japan*, British str., for Vancouver.
May 16, *Saltherg*, German str., for Cheloo.
May 16, *Amphing Maru*, Jap. str., for Swatow.
May 16, *Hanchuan*, British str., for Canton.
May 16, *Isle de Cuba*, American gunboat, for Manila.

Passenger—Arrivals.

Per *Hailong*, from Swatow—129 Chinese.
Per *Sandara*, from Madras—Messrs. and Miss Messer, Miss Cammer, and 83 Chinese.
Per *Sauiki Maru*, from Moji—Capt. S. Narahara, Mr. Kubokawa, Miss O. Miyamoto, Mr. Chang Poo Chio, 11 Chinese and 8 Japanese.
Per *Doric*, from San Francisco, &c.—Comdr. Geo. Cowie, U.S.N., Mrs. Geo. Cowie, Mrs. A. W. Billings, Mrs. A. J. Gilmore, Mr. R. A. Dowler, Mrs. L. R. Hawley, Mrs. R. J. McCord, Walter H. Howard, Major P. E. Straub, U.S.A., Lieut. T. T. Morrill, U.S.A., Mr. and Mrs. R. Steel, Mr. E. D. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Cummock, Mr. J. N. Boyd, Mrs. F. H. Eldridge, Messrs. J. Barlow and H. W. Cowie.

Departed.

Per *Empress of Japan*, from Hongkong for Shanghai—Messrs. M. B. Cohen, Osgood and Ah Sing, For Nagasaki—Mr. C. F. Rundall, For Yokohama—Col. Faulkner Brown, Messrs. J. M. Ramsey, D. M. Hare, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McNaughton, Miss Todd, Miss Rustonjee, Miss Rustonjee (3), and Miss Aldred. For Kobe—Mrs. Wilkinson, Major and Mrs. Rutanshaw and 2 children. For Victoria—Mr. Chin He, For Vancouver—Mrs. Luna Oh, Mr. E. W. Halliday, Dr. and Mrs. Elbert Wing, Messrs. W. Rhodes James and F. Urbig, For New York—Mr. J. Doherty, For Montreal—Miss Louise Johnston, and Tacing Tsik Chan. For Battle Creek, Mich.—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Reed and

Intimations.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Connaught Road, at NOON, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of May, 1900, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 30th April, 1900.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 23rd instant, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1900. [577b]

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Connaught Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of May, 1900, at 12.15 in the afternoon, when the SUBJOINED RESOLUTIONS will be proposed.

1.—That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000 by the creation of 10,000 New Shares of \$10 each.

2.—That the New Shares be issued at such time or times and at such premium as the Directors may determine.

3.—That the New Shares be allotted to such persons and upon such terms and conditions as the Directors may determine.

By Order:
EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

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1.—That the said Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution at a Second Extraordinary Meeting, which will be subsequently convened.

2.—That the Regulations contained in Table A in so far as they apply to this Company be altered as follows:

That the following clause be substituted for Clause 37 of Table A: "The quorum for all the purposes of a General Meeting shall be not less than five members present in person or by proxy. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless the quorum requisite be present at the commencement of the business."

By Order:
EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1900. [577b]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the above Company, held at the Registered Office of the Company, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of May, 1900, the following RESOLUTIONS were passed:

1.—That in pursuance of the Provisions of the Special Resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 7th and confirmed on the 27th March instant, and since duly registered, the Sum of \$12,500,000 be withdrawn from the Reserve Fund and be carried as of the 2nd July next, to the Credit of Capital Account, each Share being credited with a Sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in addition to the Sum of \$50 now standing to the credit of each Share.

2.—That the Balance of \$25 per Share of the Unpaid Capital of the Company be called up, and that a CALL be and is hereby made of \$25 per Share upon all Shares of the Company, and that the Shareholders be requested to pay the same to the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, on or before the 2nd day of July, A.D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay according.

And Notice is also given that, in accordance with Article 34 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as from the said 2nd day of July, 1900, at the Rate of 12 per cent. per Annum upon all Calls remaining Unpaid after the 10th day of July, 1900, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board:

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1900. [403b]

Notice of Firm.

SALAMANDER FIRE INSURANCE CO. NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed AGENTS for the above COMPANY, are prepared to accept Risks against FIRE at CURRENT RATES.

HOTZ, SJACOB & CO.

Hongkong, 31st March, 1900. [422b]

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LARGE BUSINESS PREMISES on the TAKU ROAD within easy reach of the bund. The Premises consist of a Six-roomed Bungalow, Three Large Godowns, one with a double storey and flat roof suitable for drying purposes, Commodore's Quarters and Offices, one Brick House, several Out-buildings and all necessary adjuncts to business. One Godown contains a Hydraulic Press, Engine, &c. For particulars apply to

J. T. SKOTTOWE, Land, Estate, and General Commission Agents,

Tientsin, North China.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1900. [466b]

Insurance.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE UNDERSIGNED AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN AND CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1899. [130]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

"HAIYUN."

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Port, TO MORROW, the 17th instant, at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1900. [613b]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

"SUNGKIANG."

Captain Moore, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 18th instant.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. [621b]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

"INDIA."

Captain A. Martindale, will leave for the above place, on SUNDAY, the 20th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight, apply to SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. [623b]

THE OSAKA SHIEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

"TAMSI MARU."

Captain H. Nagata, will be despatched for the above ports, on SUNDAY, the 20th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1900. [615]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

"KWEIYANG."

Captain Osterbridge, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 20th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. [625b]

TRIP THROUGH THE FAMOUS YANGTSE GEORGES.

FOR ICHANG AND CHUNGKING.

"PIONEER."

The New Fast Paddle Steamer will leave Shanghai on her First Trip for the above Places, via HANKOW, on or about WEDNESDAY, the 23rd instant.

The Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First Class Passengers.

For Passage, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents, Yangtse Landing Co.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. [631b]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LIVERPOOL (DIRECT).

"IDOMENEUS."

Captain Riley, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 24th May.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1900. [538b]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

"PATROCLUS."

Captain Dyckens will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 29th May.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 19th April, 1900. [511b]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

"AIRLIE."

Captain St. John George, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 31st instant, at 4 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly-qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA, are available for return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1900. [598b]

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

"DRUMMOND."

will be despatched for the above Port on or about SUNDAY, the 10th June.

For Freight, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1900. [4]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

"AGAMEMNON."

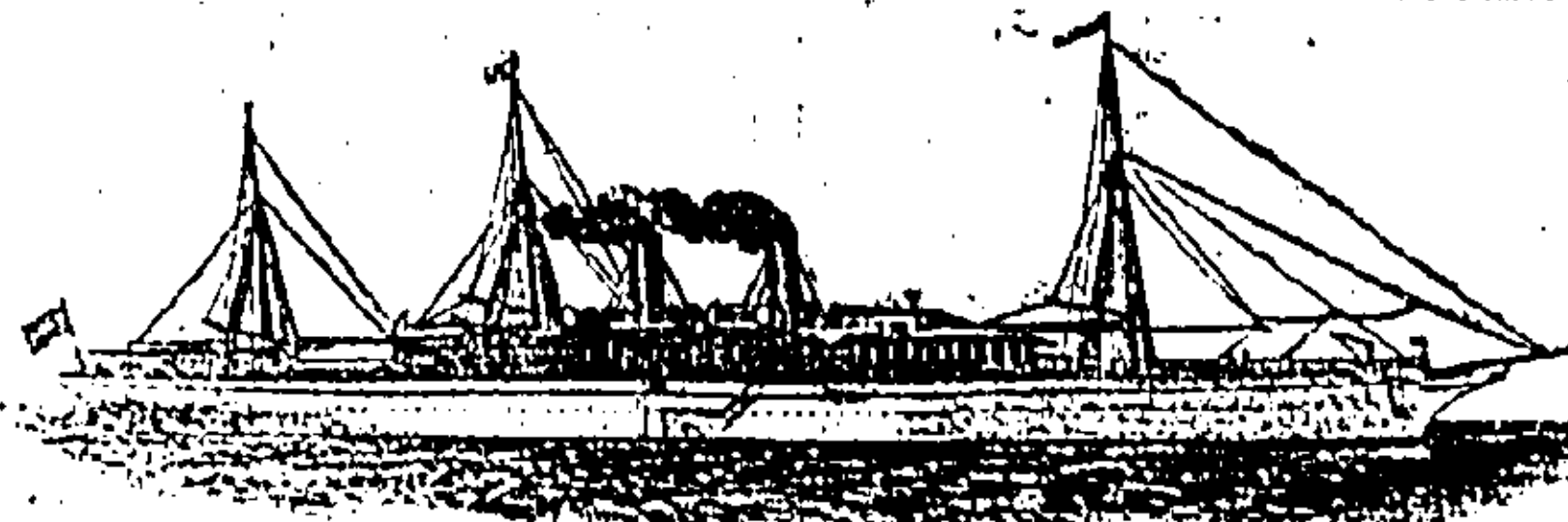
Captain Nish, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 12th June.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1900. [570b]

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 6th June.

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 27th June.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 18th July.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines; which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pender's Street.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Duke of Effie...[382] J. S. Cox...[May 17]
Gladwin...[421] A. Jackson...[June 2]
Glenloch...[379] W. Frakes...[July 3]
Queen Adelaide...[282] F. McNair...[July 25]

ALSO FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Monmouthshire...[2874] W. A. Evans...[May 19]
Brancart...[3601] W. Wat...[June 9]
Argyll...[2907] Thomson...[June 30]
Monmouthshire...[2874] W. A. Evans...[Aug. 4]

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by the Line, HONGKONG TO LONDON £47.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Tables, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESS carried. HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY AND CASCADE MOUNTAINS. THE YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA £28.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1900. [4]

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, &c.

Strathgyle...[5023] Sunday...[May 20]
Belgian King...[3379] about...[June 20]
Thyrid...[3812] about...[July 20]

THE Steamship

"STRATHGYLE."

will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO, via KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SUNDAY, the 20th instant.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, China and Japan.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. [28]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"COROMANDEL,"

Captain F. W. Vibert, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from here for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 25th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1900. [5]

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS. DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATES.

SANUKI MARU...[MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA STRAITS, COLOMBO and PORT SAID] FRIDAY, 18th May, at Daylight.

HIROSHIMA MARU...[KOBE and YOKOHAMA] TUESDAY, 22nd May, at Daylight.

MIRAWA MARU...[SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO and NAGASAKI] TUESDAY, 22nd May, at 4 P.M.

MIKASA MARU...[BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and CLOMBO] FRIDAY, 25th May, at Noon.

KASUGA MARU...[SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY, 25th May, at 4 P.M.] FRIDAY, 25th May, at 4 P.M.

FUTAMI MARU...[TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE] SATURDAY, 26th May, at Noon.

HAKATA MARU...[NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA] SATURDAY, 26th May, at Noon.

For further Information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1900. [6]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.

(Freight Service.) (Freight Service.)

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS. DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATES.

BAMBERG...[HAMBURG and HAMBURG] 19th May, Freight.

*SARNIA...[LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG] 6th May, Freight and Passage.

FUCHS...[LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG] About 21st June, Freight.

AMBRIA...[HAMBURG and HAMBURG] About 21st June, Freight.

BURMEISTER...[LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG] About 21st June, Freight.

SAMBIA...[HAMBURG and HAMBURG] About 21st June, Freight.

G. Schmidt...[LONDON with transhipment in HAMBURG] About 21st June, Freight.

FEYEN...[HAMBURG and HAMBURG] About 21st June, Freight.

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For further Particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

KRUGER AND STEYN.

A telegram, dated the Hague 3rd instant, says that the *Morning Post* has published letters from Presidents Kruger and Steyn. In these letters, the Presidents complain that there are too few Boers to defend Koonstad, the new capital of the Orange Free State. The Presidents also state that intervention on the part of the European Powers is only a question of a few days.

PROJECTED TRANS-PACIFIC STEAMERS.

We shall soon be able to cross the Pacific in 20,000-ton steamers; a dispatch from Tacoma dated the 8th ult. says:—

President Hill of the Great Northern announces that his plans for a new line of American trans-Pacific steamers have again been changed. Some time ago he had plans prepared for several 10,000-ton vessels. Further investigation has convinced him that the future carrying trade across the Pacific must be done at a small margin of profit, and to secure this, tonnage cargo carriers will be necessary. He has accordingly ordered two ships of 20,000 tons capacity each, and intends ordering more. Each vessel will be larger than the *Oceanic*, or as large as the *Lucania* and the *Campania* combined. Their freight floor space will aggregate five acres each, and each cargo will furnish freight for 1,200 to 1,500 cars, or nearly 100 trains across the mountains. Twenty-five miles of side tracks must be built to accommodate this traffic.

The steamers will be placed in commission in the fall of 1901. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha line of Japanese steamers will probably then be turned over to the Union Pacific, which Hill hopes will join with the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific in conducting trans-Pacific business on Puget Sound.

ADVENTURE WITH A TIGRESS.

Two Tamils out shooting pigs at Bagan Scari, in Perak, on the 29th ultimo, in the dark, fired at and wounded what they thought to be a pig, and then returned home. The next morning they found that it was a tigress. The wounded animal pounced on one of them and brought him down. His companion, who was armed, went to the assistance of his comrade and despatched the tigress. The injured man was removed to hospital.

A RICH HAUL.

If the Boers were after birds of fine feathers when they ambuscaded Col. Broadwood's party last month they must be congratulated upon the quality and splendour of their bag. A recent telegram says that the bluest blood of Great Britain was represented among the officers of the Household Cavalry (which was part of the force under Broadwood ambuscaded by the Boers). The Duke of York, eldest brother of the Duke of York, whose mother was the granddaughter of George III, was one of the Captains. Among the Lieutenants were the young Duke of Roxburgh; the Earl of Wicklow; D. C. Marjoribanks, the only son and heir of Lord Tweedmouth; Gerald Ward, son of the late Earl of Dudley, and his brother, R. Ward; A. V. Meade, son of the Earl of Clanwilliam, and A. E. B. O'Neill, son and heir of Baron O'Neill. Here are some of the other officers: Major J. H. G. Bingham, half brother of the Earl of Strathfield; Captain E. Baring, brother of Lord Revelstoke; Captain Lord W. A. Cavendish Bentinck, half brother of the Duke of Portland; Captain Lord G. Montagu-Douglas-Scott, son of the Duke of Buccleuch; Captain T. W. Brand, son and heir of Viscount Hampden; Captain J. Downey, son and heir of Viscount Downey. Lieutenant Sir J. P. Milbank, Bart; Lieutenant D. R. H. Anderson-Pelham, brother of the Earl of Yarborough; Lieutenant T. Lister, son and heir of Lord Ribblesdale; Lieutenant F. W. Stanley, son of the Earl of Derby; Lieutenant W. G. S. Cadogan, son of the very wealthy Earl of Cadogan; Lieutenant H. K. Maxwell, son and heir of Lord Farnham; E. B. Meade, another son of the Earl of Clanwilliam, and Lieutenant Lord Howard de Walden.

THE ENGLISH IN EGYPT.

There have been reports of disaffection in Egypt, and as the British press has been reticent on the subject, it is surmised in Europe that the reported revolt of Egyptian native troops may have assumed serious proportions. This surmise, however, appears to be groundless, the suspicion on the part of the conquerors appears to have caused a measure of discontent among the troops at Khartoum. The Cairo *Muqad* says:—

"The Egyptian officers are dissatisfied chiefly because all newspapers are denied them, with the exception of a couple of journals which are absolutely under British influence. Moreover, it seems as if every one of English birth is regarded with the utmost suspicion by the authorities, and when the soldiers were deprived of their ammunition, one revolt was the result. The men regained their cartridges by force, saying that they must have means to defend themselves against the Dervishes. It was on January 22, when eleven Maxim guns were sent from Khartoum to South Africa, that this occurred. The prohibition of newspapers was, of course, the result of British reverses in South Africa."

The Cairo correspondent of the *Paris Matin* writes as follows:—

"The mutiny has been quelled, the cartridges were returned to the authorities, and the ringleaders will be punished; but the matter is not ended there. Lord Cromer is very much embittered. Only a few days before the revolt, he had informed the British Government that the native troops were absolutely reliable, and that as many British battalions could be withdrawn as might be needed. The awakening has been somewhat rude, especially as blood has been shed. The English try to hide this fact, but it can prove only too evident. The martial will be very lenient. Sir Francis Wingate, the Sirdar who has replaced Kitchener, is good-natured, and he has no intention to increase the disaffection of his soldiers. The cause of it is easy to find. The Egyptian officers are dissatisfied with the humiliations imposed upon them by the English. They are placed under the command of Englishmen of lower rank than themselves, are underpaid, and are not permitted to obtain high rank."

"Since the mutiny, the English have asked the Khedive to exert his influence, and this has naturally raised his prestige, as formerly he was not consulted at all, to prevent the people from regarding him as more than a mere cipher."

"It would be a great mistake to suppose, however, that the Egyptians are likely to rise against the yoke. The French papers, which assert this, are altogether wrong. The fellahs care nothing at all about politics, and in the cities the population is utterly resigned. Only the religious element can cause a serious rebellion. The Mahdists and the Marabouts are still the only dangerous enemies of English rule on the Nile."

Five of the discontented officers have been deprived of their rank, and sent to Cairo for trial.—Translations made for *The Literary Digest*.

RHODESIAN FIELD FORCE.

Reuter's Agency, in announcing, on the 29th ult., the despatch of a special force to Rhodesia, under Lieut. General Sir Frederick Carrington, intimated that it would probably proceed to Rhodesia by "a special route." The ordinary route would of course be by the Bechuanaland railway to Bulawayo, and so far as this line is concerned, it is pointed out that the Kimberley-Mafeking-Palace line will no doubt be available soon after the relief of Mafeking.

From the necessities of the case, Reuter's Agency understands that nothing has been definitely decided as to the exact route by which the Rhodesian Field Force will reach Rhodesia, but in the event of the Bechuanaland Railway not being open there is every reason to believe that it will go from Beira, via the Beira-Umtali-Salisbury Railway. From Beira to Umtali, a distance of 200 miles, this line runs through Portuguese territory. At the frontier it connects with the Mashonaland Railway to Salisbury. At the present moment the Beira-Umtali section of the line is being widened to the same gauge as the Umtali-Salisbury portion, but the work which is to be completed in a few weeks—in no way interferes with the traffic, and through communication is carried on by merely changing from one train to another. In the event of this route being decided upon, Reuter's Agency understands that by existing treaty Sir Frederick Carrington's force can proceed from Beira.

Some machinery for the Mashonaland Railway was recently stopped at Beira by the Portuguese, but this was owing to some misapprehension, and the railway plant was subsequently allowed through.

It is interesting to point out that Portugal has made no declaration of neutrality in the present war.

NEW GUNS.

I am in a position to state, says a London correspondent, that orders were given by the War Office at the end of last week (about 7th April) for the immediate manufacture of a great number of new guns. From the extent of these orders, it would appear that the armament of our batteries of both horse and field artillery is to be proceeded with without delay. The guns will, of course, be of the latest pattern, and will have an enormous range. I learn that one firm—Messrs. Vickers, Maxim, and Co.—have entered into so formidable a contract that they are about to erect new sheds at their Eritch works at a cost of many thousands of pounds, in order that they may be able to carry out their undertaking within the appointed time. These additions to their works are to be completed within eight weeks. The firm has for some time past been working night and day, the men coming on and going off in three eight-hour shifts, and dwelling accommodation at Eritch, Plumstead, Greenhithe, and the neighbourhood being already exhausted, a serious difficulty will arise when more hands have to be housed.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS AT THE POST OFFICE.

Letters for the following persons lie unclaimed at the Post Office:—

Abdoolhosen	Menier, Miss R.
Ah Teo	Molesworth, T. D.
Angus, D.	Martins, M.
Angus, Lieut. Col.	Miles, F. D.
A. B. C.	Morris, J. F.
Adams, Miss C. A.	Neonisse, E.
Among, G. N.	Nam Singh
Aldenberg, L.	Northing, E.
Abraham, H.	Muller, M.
Agon, D. J.	Matsumoto
Adamsen, Mrs. H.	Morland, Dr. C.
Andrews, Mrs.	Moslyn
Bowal, M.	Mansfield
Brewer, Mrs. M.	Martens & Co.
Bracke, G.	Mortimer, M.
Brace, Mrs.	McCall, J. T.
Banister, D. R.	McKerrow
Basto, C.	Martomori, P.
Barrett, J.	Mathews, Miss
Boyle, Mrs. L.	Mallone, Mns.
Baker, Coley H.	Meadows, W.
Brown	Munro, Miss A.
Blake, R. E.	Macintyre, E.
Bland, H. F. B.	Mackay, D. G.
Bochum, G.	Major, N. G.
Brierly, J.	Miller, G.
Brown, G. F.	Moore, G.
Brown, C. F.	Morris, Mrs.
Bosman, H. F.	Marik, S. S.
Burn, W.	Miller, Mrs. T.
Brown, N. P.	Meyer, K.
Bradner, N.	Marshall, Mrs. J. R.
Braddy, D. U.	Montilla, T.
Clark, A. F.	Martin, Mr. E.
Cuswick, D. J.	Marsh, Capt.
Cannings Miss M.	Massap, Miss J.
Citto, Mrs. O.	Mallow
Coleman, G. P.	Nagayava, I.
Crawford, J. P.	Nagayava, E. J.
Crawford, Joseph	Nagayava, E. J.
Clark, Miss L.	Neven Clock C.
Downie, Mrs. D.	Ogden, A. C.
Davis, J.	Osovia, S. D. A.
Dunn, W.	Owen, Rev. W. C.
Denny, H. S.	Okane, Miss M.
Droghda	Oveido, F.
Debburke, H.	O'Malley, Hon. E. L.
Dehn, Miss L.	Olia, N. D.
Darrell, G. B.	Onslow, M.
Davies, J.	Peoples, Rev. S. C.
Duncan, Mr. J. W.	Packwood, A. T.
D'Arcy, E.	Pybrun, N.
D'Almeida, E. M. S. Co.	Peas, Lieut. C.
Ehoady, J. E.	Peter, D. J.
Ellas, D. H.	Pigot, Mrs. B.
Emile, P.	Pillery, V. A. M.
Evans, F. H.	Palmer, B.
Eckhardt	Prario, D.
Eckford, O. E.	Palmer, C.
Elmer, E.	Robertson, A.
Ellis, Rev. E. M.	Robinson, Mrs.
Esly, F. R.	Robinson, Mrs.
Eckert, Miss R.	Robertson, Mrs.
Findlay, Rev. W. H.	Rafael Allen Li.
Fistord, E.	Rose, Mrs.
Fischer, M.	Reynolds, J.
Forster, W. E.	Reynolds, J.
Farmer, L. E.	Reynolds, J.
Fraser, J. C.	Reynolds, J.
Fowler, Mrs. L.	Reynolds, J.
Francis, D.	Reynolds, J.
Fischer, C.	Reynolds, J.
Forbes, A. R.	Reynolds, J.
Fox, H. H.	Reynolds, J.
Friedman, Miss R.	Reynolds, J.

List of Registered Covers for Merchant Ships.

Ford, A.	Singman, A.
George, H. A. P.	Singman, A.
Gambell, E. R.	Singman, A.
Greaves, J. C.	Singman, A.
Gibson, W. S.	Singman, A.
Groundwater	Singman, A.
George, G. F. S.	Singman, A.
Gonzales, S. J.	Singman, A.
Gritti, F. B.	Singman, A.
Grant, J.	Singman, A.
Gillard, H.	Singman, A.
Gatagals, T.	Singman, A.
Green	Singman, A.
Galembert	Singman, A.
Geddie, H.	Singman, A.
Grossman, A.	Singman, A.
Humphry, R. A.	Singman, A.
Humphry, J. L.	Singman, A.
Hachstads	Singman, A.
Hall, J. R.	Singman, A.
Hausler	Singman, A.
Hopkins, Miss L.	Singman, A.
Houston, H. H.	Singman, A.
Huller, J. T. W.	Singman, A.
Howard, Miss M.	Singman, A.
Haw, M. S.	Singman, A.
Harrington, S. G.	Singman, A.
Holden, S. B.	Singman, A.
Howard	Singman, A.
Hills, Captain F.	Singman, A.
Hilgaskan	Singman, A.
Hamilton, M.	Singman, A.
Heise, F.	Singman, A.
Hansen, W. E.	Singman, A.
How, A. L.	Singman, A.
Hahnkrug, H.	Singman, A.
Hing, C. C.	Singman, A.
Hines, E. E.	Singman, A.
Holden, E. E.	Singman, A.
Hopkins Miss	Singman, A.
Hooker, Miss O. M.	Singman, A.
Hale, M.	Singman, A.
Ismailkhan	Singman, A.
Jackson	Singman, A.
Jocelyn, Mrs. F.	Singman, A.
Johnson, L.	Singman, A.
Johns, Dr. R. H.	Singman, A.
King, R.	Singman, A.
Kynoch, H.	Singman, A.
Kwok Chai	Singman, A.
Kynoch, G. W.	Singman, A.
Katny, J. N.	Singman, A.
Katz, J.	Singman, A.
Kramer, P.	Singman, A.
Keatle, F.	Singman, A.
Lange, W.	Singman, A.
Legner, H. T.	Singman, A.
Leslie, Mr. H.	Singman, A.
Laird, P.	Singman, A.
Lerge, M. C.	Singman, A.
Lord, Miss H. P.	Singman, A.
Laundin, J. A.	Singman, A.
Lomox, R. W.	Singman, A.
Liblain	Singman, A.
Latta, R. L.	Singman, A.
Lum Cheung	Singman, A.
Lopez, Mrs. C.	Singman, A.
Liddell, Mrs. P.	Singman, A.
Lushkur, S.	Singman, A.
Luthens, Roessing & Co.	Singman, A.
Lewy, E.	Singman, A.
Liu, Miss M.	Singman, A.
Lind, H. G.	Singman, A.
Lerawest, Frank	Singman, A.
Laforest, H. A.	Singman, A.
Lair, Dr. S. L.	Singman, A.
Lair, Dr. S. L.	Singman, A.
Ludick, Mrs.	Singman, A.
Martin, R. A.	Singman, A.
Maung, Sein	Singman, A.
Milkoft, J.	Singman, A.
Morland, C. H.	Singman, A.

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Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BALLAARAT" FROM LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—
From London, &c., 12 S.S. Himalaya.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 17th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessels arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized.

A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1900.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "DUKE OF FIFE" FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND SHANGHAI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1900.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE C. P. R. Co.'s Steamship

"EMPRESS OF JAPAN."

Having arrived from VANCOUVER, &c., Consignees of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 19th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

D. W. CRADDOCK, Acting General Agent.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1900.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "MONMOUTHSHIRE" FROM PORTLAND, OR., YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1900.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

S.S. "VICTORIA."

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES AND UNDERWRITERS.

Cargo shipped by s.s. *Victoria*, in Tacoma for Hongkong and the South has been transhipped at Kobe and forwarded to Hongkong by s.s. *Monmouthshire*, which steamer arrived here at 2 P.M. TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1900.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "ARIANDEAR," FROM NEW YORK, STRAITS AND MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., any at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd instant, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1900.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM KOBE.

THE Steamship

"SILESIA,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 22nd instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 22nd instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WHEELER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1900.

Consignees.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "SACHSEN," of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

THE above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, the 22nd instant, and THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at 9.30 P.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 27th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1900.

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EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, May 16th.
ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer 1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand 1/11 1/2
Credit, 4 months' sight 1/11 1/2
D'ments, 4 months' sight 2/—
ON LONDON (demand) 2/—
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand 2/4 1/2
Credit, 4 months' sight 2/5 1/2
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand 47 1/2
Credit, 30 days' sight 47 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer 145
On demand 161 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight 72 1/2 nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. 31 per cent. prem.
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate 50.16
Gold, 100 to touch, per tal. 52.15
Bar Silver 99 1/2
Dollars 2 per cent. prem.

The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

(May 16th.)

Companies.	Paid up Capital.	Latest quotation.
Banks.		
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$125	302 1/2 premium buyers
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited (Preference)	\$ 5	Nominal
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited (Ordinary)	\$ 4	1/1 buyers
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited (Deferred)	\$ 1	1/5 buyers
National Bank of China, Ltd.	\$ 8	27
Do. Founders.	\$ 1	20
Marine Insurances.		
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	\$ 50	\$250
China Traders' Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	\$54
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	Tls. 165
Yangtze Ins. Assoc.	\$ 60	\$121
Canton Ins. Office.	\$ 50	\$110
Straits Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$1
Fire Insurances.		
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$295
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$80
Shipping.		
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Limited	\$ 15	\$304
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$914
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$100
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$49
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. (Pref.)	\$ 10	10.10
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. (Ordinary)	\$ 10	10.10
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. (Share)	\$ 10	10.10
Star Ferry Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	15
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	1300
Refineries.		
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$126
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$38
Mining.		
Panjin Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 7	\$6.10
Panjin Mining Preference Shares	\$ 1	\$1.20
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fcs. 250	\$300
Qinmen Mines, Ltd.	25 cts.	\$0.16
Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$124
Raub Aluan Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	15s. 10d.	\$51
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd. A	\$ 5	\$44
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd. B	\$ 4	\$32
Great Eastern & Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$0.524
Do. (Preference)	\$ 1	\$0.40
Docks, Wharves and Godowns.		
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	\$125	490 1/2 premium
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$86
Wanchai Warehouse & Storage Co., Ltd.	\$ 37 1/2	\$54 buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 61	\$204
Land, Hotels and Buildings.		
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$10
Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$125
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	\$26
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$49
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$118
Humphrey's Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$10.90
Cotton Mills.		
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$37
Ewo Cotton Spinning & W. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 65
International Cotton Mills Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 62 1/2
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 70
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 500	Tls. 400
Yahloong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 57
Miscellaneous.		
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$204
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$ 15	\$20
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	\$ 10	\$16 ex div.
Watkins, Limited	\$ 10	\$10.50
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	\$ 10	\$114
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	\$ 2	\$2.10
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$135
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$170
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	\$48
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	\$166
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$165
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	\$64
Hongkong and China Bakery Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$50 buyers
Campbell, Moore and Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$16
Bell's Asbestos East-ern Agency, Ltd.	\$ 1	\$1 buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$ 4	\$74
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$ 10	\$11
Carmichael & Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$8
Tebrau Planting Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$5
Tebrau Planting Co., Ltd.	\$ 4	\$4

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OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, May 16th.

New Patna	970	per chest.
Old Patna	1025	"
New Benares	985	"
Old Benares	1000	"
New Malwa	900/920	per picul.
Old Malwa	930/960	"
Persian, paper tied	880/890	"
VESSELS IN PORT.		
Steamers.		
ARDANDEAR, British steamer, 2,089, Wm. Kinley, 15th May—Manila 12th May, General—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.		
BENVENUE, British steamer, 1,467, J. T. Porter, 15th May—Saigon 9th May, Rice—Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
CANTON, British steamer, 1,100, D. F. F. Lawrence, 10th May—Shanghai via Wuhu 1st May, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
CARMARTHENSHIRE, British steamer, 1,878, C. S. Burch, 4th May—Kobe and Moji 29th April, General—Butterfield & Swire.		
CHELYDRA, British steamer, 2,467, J. T. Davies, 9th May—Calcutta 21st April, Penang and Singapore 4th May, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
DAPHNE, German steamer, 2,100, Th. Nissen, 11th May—Moji 5th May, Coal—Siemssen & Co.		
DEVANOWSE, British steamer, 1,057, R. Curtis, 17th April, Saigon 13th April, General—Yuen Fat Hong.		
DIAMANTE, British steamer, 1,255, G. T. Blaxland, 15th May—Manila 13th May, General—Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
GERMANIA, German steamer, 1,774, L. Müller, 9th May—Saigon 4th May, Rice—Jebson & Co.		
HAILAN, French steamer, 377, Merles, 13th May—Pakhoi and Hoihow 11th May, General—A. R. Marty.		
HAMMUN, British steamer, 635, A. E. Hodgins, 15th May—Swatow 14th May, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.		
HANOI, French steamer, 750, Pannier, 14th May—Haiphong and Hoihow—13th May, General—A. R. Marty.		
HOLSTEIN, German steamer, 985, C. Iphand, 15th May—Saigon 3rd May, Rice and General—Jebson & Co.		
HUE, French steamer, 704, P. Merlees, 9th May—Haiphong and Hoihow 8th May, General—A. R. Marty.		
INDEPENDENT, German steamer, 871, A. Hantz, 12th April, Swatow 3rd April, General—Sander, Wieler & Co.		
KACHIDATE MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,143, S. Fujiki, 15th May—Kuchinotzu 9th May, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.		
KEONG WAT, British steamer, 1,105, T. W. Groves, 9th May—Bangkok 3rd May, Rice and Teak—Norddeutscher Lloyd.		
LOOSK, British steamer, 1,020, J. B. Jackson, 12th May—Bangkok via Koh-si-chang 4th May, Rice and Timber—Butterfield & Swire.		
LOYAL, German steamer, 1,237, Lorenzen, 15th May—Newswang 7th May, Beans and Beans—Sander, Wieler & Co.		
MONGKUT, British steamer, 850, N. G. Majer, 13th May—Bangkok 13th May, and Koh-si-chang 6th, General—Yuen Fat Hong.		
MONMOUTHSHIRE, British steamer, 1,871, J. Henneidy, 14th May—Portland, Oregon via Shanghai and Kobe 13th April, General—Doddwell & Co., Ltd.		
PROGRESS, German steamer, 687, P. Brandt, 7th April—Touren 3rd April, Rice and General—Siemssen & Co.		
ROMA, British steamer, 1,724, W. Storm, 7th May—Cardiff 22nd March, Coal—Order.		
SILESIA, Austrian steamer, 3,340, G. Verona, 15th May—Yokohama and Kobe 8th May, General—Sander, Wieler & Co.		
STRATHGYLE, British steamer, 3,284, J. R. Gordon, 13th May—Moji 7th May, General—Butterfield & Swire.		
SUNGKIANG, British steamer, 1,021, S. W. Moore, 14th May—Manila 11th May, Hemp and Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.		
TAI LEE, German steamer, 828, T. Calender, 2nd May—Saigon 3rd May, General—Meyer & Co.		
TAIWAN, British steamer, 1,459, R. Nelson, 26th Mar.—Melbourne 13th Feb., Sydney 27th, Townsville 3rd Mar., Thursday Island 8th, Port Darwin 11th, and Manila 23rd, General—Butterfield & Swire.		
WONGKAI, German steamer, 1,300, B. B. Brooke Pigot, 12th May—Bangkok 30th April, and Saigon 8th May, Rice and Flour—Melchers & Co.		
Sailing Vessels.		
ABNER CORNOR, American ship, 578, B. F. Colcord, 14th May—Moji 28th April, Coal—Chinese.		
ESMERALDA, British schooner, 130, J. T. Harrison, 14th April—Canton 26th March, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
FRANZ, Danish bark, 358, Pedersen, 23rd April, Barry 3rd Oct., 1899, and Anjer 12th Feb., Coal—E. A. Trading & Co.		
GEO. T. HAY, British steamer, 1,647, Spicer, 30th Mar.—Manila, (P. I.) Mar., Ballast—Siemssen & Co.		
RICKMER RICKMERS, German ship, 1,828, Azaates, 27th April—Cardiff 23rd April, Coal—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
WM. H. SMITH, American ship, 1,800, E. C. Colley, 27th Mar.—New York 28th Sept., Kerosine Oil—Standard Oil Co.		
HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS ON THE CHINA STATION.		
Hongkong, May 16th, 1900.		
Alacrity, despatch-vessel, 1,700 tons, 10 to 6 p.d., q.f. guns, 31 p.p., Commander G. G. F. M. Craddock, Wei-hai-wei.		
Algerine, sloop, 1,050 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 h.p., Comdr. R. H. J. Stewart, Nagasaki.		
Aurora, British cruiser, 5,600 tons, Capt. E. H. Bayly, en route Japan.		
Barfleur, 1st class battleship, 13,000 tons, 14 guns, 13,163 h.p., Captain G. J. S. Warrender, Wei-hai-wei.		
Bonaventura, 2nd class cruiser, 4,560 tons, 18 guns, 9,000 h.p., Commander A. H. Smith-Dorrien, R.N., Manila.		
Brisk, British cruiser, 1,770 tons, 6 guns, 5,600 h.p., Commander Sir Bouches Wrey, en route Singapore.		
Centurion, British ship, 500 tons, 14 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. J. R. Jellicoe, Shanghai.		
Defence, sloop, 1,140 tons, 8 guns, 2,000 h.p., Com. C. Whittington-Lugram, Hongkong.		
Endymion, British cruiser, 7,350 tons, Capt. G. A. Callaghan, Wei-hai-wei.		
Elk, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. Chadwick, Ichang.		
Fame, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 5,400 h.p., Lieut.-Com. W. J. Keyes, Hongkong.		
Firebrand, 3rd class gunboat, 455 tons, 4 guns, 300 h.p., Hongkong.		
Handy, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Hongkong.		
Hart, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Hongkong.		
Hermeion, British cruiser, 4,360 tons, Capt. R. S. D. Cumming, Shanghai.		
Hunter, moorship, 1,640 tons, 800 h.p., Com. H. J. Davison, Hongkong.		

Linnet, gun-vessel, 776 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 870 h.p., Commander W. W. Smythe, Singapore.

Orlando, British cruiser, 5,600 tons, Capt. J. H. Burke, Hongkong.

Peacock, 1st class gunboat, 775 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. P. R. Goode, Shanghai.

Phaenix, British gunboat, 1,015 tons, Comdr. R. G. Fraser, Shanghai.

Pique, 1st class gunboat, 750 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. J. F. E. Green, Philippines.

Pique, twin screw, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, 8 guns, 7,000 h.p., Capt. H. C. Reynolds, Singapore.

Plover, 1st class gunboat, 453 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. V. de M. Cowper, Hongkong.

Redpole, British gunboat, 805 tons, Lieut.-Com. G. E. Corbett, Shanghai.

Robin, British river-gunboat, 2 guns, Lieut.-Com. G. G. Webster, on the West River.

Sandpiper, British river-gunboat, 2 guns, Lieut.-Comdr. Carr, on the West River.

Swift, gun-vessel, 776 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 870 h.p., Hongkong.

Tamar, receiving ship, 4,600 tons, Comdr. Powell, U.I., Hongkong.

Terrible, British cruiser, 14,200 tons, 30 guns, 25,000 h.p., Captain Percy Scott, C.B., Hongkong.

Tweed, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. D. Roper, on the West River.

Undaunted, 1st class cruiser, 5,600 tons, 12 guns, 8,500 h.p., Capt. A. C. Clarke, Wei-hai-wei.

Waterwitch, surveying vessel, 620 tons, Lieut.-Commander W. O. Lyne, en route Ningpo.

Whiting, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 5,400 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. E. Kelly, Hongkong.

Wiven, coast defence ship, 2,750 tons, 4 guns, 1,200 h.p., Hongkong.

Woodcock, British gunboat, 2 guns, 560 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Watson, on the Yangtze.

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Torpedo-boats in Reserve Nos. 8 and 20, 35, 36, 37, and 38, first-class; and 3 second-class boats.

Miscellaneous.

Liberal, Portuguese gunboat, 558 tons, Comdr. José da Cunha Lima, Hongkong.

Presidente Surinam, Argentine cruiser, 2,850 tons, Capt. Betbeder, Manila.

Zaire, Portuguese gunboat, 528 tons, Captain Mello, Hongkong.

Zenta, Austrian cruiser, 2,500 tons, Captain Edward Thomann von Montalmar, Swatow.

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

The Russian Squadron.

Admiral Korniloff, Russian armoured cruiser, 5,000 tons twin screw, 36 guns, 9,500 h.p., Captain Jakovlev, at Nagasaki.

Alceste, Russian gunboat, 810 tons, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Captain Elkskiy, at Nagasaki.

Bobr, Russian gun-vessel, twin screw, 950 tons, 13 guns, 1,500 h.p., Captain Dobrovolsky, at Nagasaki.

Dimitri Donikoff, Russian armoured cruiser, 5,803 tons, twin screw, 34 guns, 7,000 h.p., Comdr. Sharon, at Nagasaki.

Gaidamuk, Russian gunboat, 400 tons, twin screw, 18 guns, 3,500 h.p., Capt. Serebrennikoff, at Nagasaki.

Gremiatichy, Russian armoured cruiser, 1,492 tons, twin screw, 12 guns, 2,000 h.p., Capt. Korotkiy, at Nagasaki.

Korotkiy, Russian cruiser, 1,200 tons, 9 guns, 2,150 h.p., Capt. Sillmann, at Nagasaki.

Mandjuria, Russian cruiser, 1,213 tons, twin screw, 14 guns, 1,500 h.p., Capt. Yakovlev, at Nagasaki.

Navarin, Russian battleship, 10,000 tons, 10 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. Yenish, at Nagasaki.

Nayadinka, Russian cruiser, 1,331 tons, 14 guns, 1,800 h.p., Capt. Zarine, at Nagasaki.

Orelan, Russian armoured cruiser, 1,490 tons, twin screw, 12 guns, 2,000 h.p., Captain Korotkiy, at Nagasaki.

Petrovich, Russian battleship, 12,000 tons, Capt. Greivas, at Japan.

Rosita, Russian armoured cruiser, 12,200 tons, 22 guns, 14,500 h.p., Capt. Domojiroff, at Nagasaki.

Rozhynskiy, Russian cruiser, 1,330 tons, Capt. Komaroff, at Manila.

Rurik, Russian flagship, 10,940 tons, armoured twin screw cruiser, 1st class, 48 guns, 13,500 h.p., Capt. Haupt, at Port Arthur.

Silach, Russian gunboat, 4 guns, 1,200 h.p., Capt. Baranoff, at Nagasaki.

Sissel Velikiy, Russian battleship, 10,000 tons, 14 guns, 8,500 h.p., Capt. Molins, at Nagasaki.

Stovuch, Russian gunboat, 950 tons, twin screw 13 guns, 1,200 h.p., Capt. Soubatin, at Nagasaki.

Sueboarg, 1st class Russian torpedo boat, 69 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp tubes 780 h.p., speed 19.7 knots.

Vladimir Monomach, Russian cruiser, 6,000 tons, 16 guns, Prince Ouchimsky, at Port Arthur.

Vostok, Russian torpedo gunboat, 4 guns, 650 h.p., Com. Molchovsky, at Nagasaki.

Vladimir, Russian torpedo boat, 400 tons, 18 guns, twin screw, 1,500 h.p., Capt. Roguliy, at Nagasaki.

Zabaki, Russian cruiser, 1,230 tons, 20 guns, 2,000 h.p., Capt. Shkruft, at Nagasaki.

(1st and 2nd class.)

Forel, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.

Janitchik, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns, 970 h.p., 19 knots.

Nargen, Russian torpedo boat, 85 tons 4 guns, 1,200 h.p., 22 knots.

Novorossisk, 1st class Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns, 2,200 h.p., 22 knots.

Podorossik, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.

Sisk, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.

Skorfont, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.

Soichina, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns, 970 h.p., 19 knots.

Sterlat, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.

Strauss, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.

Sunguri, Russian torpedo boat, 140 tons, 4 guns, 1,800 h.p., 22 knots.

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